

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ERIE  
January 31, 2013**

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County to be held in County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on 7th of February, 2013, the following proclamation will be adopted:

Whereas Farai Chideya is an African American political activist, journalist and founder of PopandPolitics.com, an online journal and multimedia journalism training lab for 18-29 year olds pursuing careers in the field of journalism, and

Whereas Farai Chideya has over 20 years writing experience and has authored 3 non-fiction books: Trust: Reaching the 100 Million Missing Voters; The Color of our Future; and Don't Believe the Hype: Fighting Cultural Misinformation About African Americans and one fiction novel entitled, "Kiss the Sky"; Farai has also been a correspondent for ABC News, anchored the prime time program Pure Oxygen and contributed commentaries to CNN, Fox, MSNBC and BET, and

Whereas, Farai Chideya has embraced her life calling to empower the people by utilizing her anointed gifts of journalistic mastery and literary genius to feed the mind and spirit and to energize thought provoking dialogue and debate, and

Whereas, on Thursday, January 31, 2013, the Office of Multicultural Affairs of Hilbert College will host a commemorative program in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and have invited Farai Chideya to massage the minds of the people through a lecture entitled, "What Happens to Equality When We Are All Minorities?"

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

That the Erie County Legislature does herein acknowledge Farai Chideya as an intellectual giant whose love for the craft of journalism and empowering people is both selfless and praiseworthy, and be it further,

Resolved, That this Honorable Body does herein extol much commendation and acclaim upon Farai Chideya and wishes her a warm welcome as she shares her knowledge, experience and wisdom with the students of Hilbert College and the citizens of Erie County.

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The Honorable Betty Jean Grant  
Chairwoman of the Erie County Legislature  
Legislator of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Robert Graber  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature